

And California Arts Day October 3, 2008

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, thousand of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country have joined the White House and Congress in recognizing October as NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, State Legislature and California Arts Council declared October 3rd as CALIFORNIA ARTS DAY coinciding with NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH; to encourage residents to explore what's offered by local arts organizations and to demonstrate the role and value of arts and culture throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, the City grants over \$450,000 annually in city funds to nonprofit organizations in supports of art and culture in our City through a 26 year partnership with the County Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City also grants over \$150,000 annually for citywide events, such as Summer Solstice, Old Spanish Days, the Santa Barbara International Film Festival and the 4th of July Symphony concert; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim October as NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANTIES MONTH and OCTOBER 3rd AS CALIFORNIA ARTS DAY, and encourage citizens to celebrate, participate, and promote the arts and culture in our community for the betterment of future generations.

> IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 14th day of October, 2008.